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1.  called to say that a number of people in the DD/P area, including Jim Angleton, were very much concerned about the lack of air conditioning equipment and warned me that Angleton had indicated that he was going to take this matter up with the Director. Told him to tell Angleton that I would be delighted if he could get the Director's approval to use unvouchered funds for this purpose and that if he were successful nobody would be any happier than I.

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2. The Director and I met at the White House with Sherman Adams, Assistant to the President, Arthur Flemming, Director, Office of Defense Mobilization, General Bragdon, Special Advisor to the President on Construction, Mr. Belcher, Assistant Director, Bureau of the Budget, and Andy Goodpasture, Staff Secretary at the White House, to firm up the Administration's position with regard to the location of our proposed new headquarters building. Andy Goodpasture ran the meeting and his very accurate notes on the meeting which Mr. Dulles and I had with the President on 7 May 1955 were extremely helpful. General Bragdon, in particular, attempted to force us further out; however, in the final analysis Arthur Flemming said that he was perfectly willing to stand by his original exception to current dispersion standards. Colonel Goodpasture indicated that he felt confident the President would approve of either the Langley or Winkler properties, and Sherman Adams then ruled that this would be the Administration's position. H

3. Later in the afternoon Walter Pforzheimer and I met with Bill Darden of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Real Estate and Military Construction and Bob Smart of the House Armed Services Committee. We left language to amend Title IV of the proposed Bill appropriating funds for our new building so as to provide for an extension to the George Washington Memorial Parkway if Langley should be finally selected. Bob Smart explained that the House had already "reported out" its version of the Bill and, therefore, suggested that we ask the Senate to make the amendment. If accepted, it would then be settled in conference between the Senate and House Committees before it went to the floor. We also agreed to write letters to Senator Stennis, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Real Estate H

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and Military Construction, and Chairman Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee.

4. Walter and I also stopped by to see Congressman George Mahon, who will chair our Appropriations Hearing, and filled him in on the status of our thinking with the exception of the proposed locations which he requested that we not tell him. Mr. Mahon advised that we might be called next week, but probably not until the week beginning 27 June.

5. I telephoned Conrad Wirth, Director of the National Park Service, and in his absence talked with his Deputy, Mr. Allen. Also called Assistant Secretary of the Interior Lewis and in his absence talked with his Administrative Assistant, Mr. Donohue. I advised both Messrs. Allen and Donohue that we were again interested in the Langley property and were submitting legislation which would provide for an extension to the George Washington Memorial Parkway. They approved of this action.

6. Lyman Hamilton, Bureau of the Budget, telephoned to say that Mr. Belcher had briefed him on the White House meeting earlier in the day and, in recognition of the fact that we would not need \$6,000,000 for the suburban site, wondered how much I thought we would need. I told him we would settle for \$1,000,000.

7. Drafted letters to Chairman Vinson of the House and Chairman Stennis of the Senate, and after coordinating them with Roger Jones, Assistant Director for Legislative Reference, Bureau of the Budget, Arthur Flemming, Director, Office of Defense Mobilization, and Andy Goodpasture, Staff Secretary at the White House, had them delivered to the addressees by Walter Pforzheimer. Also obtained Senator Stennis' permission to deliver copies of these letters to Senators Knowland and Johnson. The two points made in these letters were (1) that the Administration supported our position of not complying with current dispersion standards and (2) that we wished to request an amendment to Title IV of our proposed Construction Bill so as to provide funds for the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway if Langley should be finally selected.

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